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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 11, 2021 | **4:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on April 20, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, C. Kenwell at 4:02 p.m. The following were in attendance at the meeting:

Present:	6 -	Chairman C. Kenwell Councillor R. Thomson M. Francis C. Moran H. Morgan L. Pope
Absent:	1 -	D. Taylor

ALSO PRESENT:
M. Barker, Shift Landscape Architecture
C. Stewart, Shift Landscape Architecture.

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Disability Management and Accessibility Specialist, C. Dillon
Landscape Architectural Planner, W. Loevenmark
Manager of Parks and Forestry, K. Bradley
Parks and Forestry Program Coordinator, S. Wideman.

HERITAGE PARK MASTER PLAN ACCESSIBILITY CONSULTATION

W. Loevenmark, Landscape Architectural Planner introduced the consultants Michael Barker and Christian Stewart of Shift Landscape Architecture and City staff who have been tasked with developing a new Master Plan for Heritage Park, one of Barrie's key waterfront destinations. She advised that City staff and the consulting team are meeting internal stakeholders such as this Committee to solicit comments and feedback for the new Master Plan.

M. Barker, Shift Landscape Architecture provided a brief overview of development phase of the plan. He advised that the intent of the Master Plan is that it is to be used as a guiding tool in the future development of the park.

The Committee provided the following comments and suggestions to City staff and consultants related to accessibility at Heritage Park:

- Updating washroom facilities to provide more accessibility;
- Creating a navigable main washroom with accessibility stall;
- The potential for a full adult change facility near the waterfront;
- The greenspace, surfacing and grading of pedestrian bridge in park;
- Year-round access to public washrooms in the parks;
- Lighting in park;
- Accessible fishing dock;
- Modifications to splash pad to create for a more accessible space for children; and;
- A potential themed signage display for educational purposes or for those with sensory and cognitive disabilities; and
- The inclusion of a Mobi Mat at Heritage Park.

In closing, Ms. Loevenmark thanked the Committee for their feedback.

2021 NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK

C. Dillon, Disability Management and Accessibility Specialist provided an update concerning the 2021 National AccessAbility Week which takes place annually this year from May 31, 2021 to June 4, 2021. She discussed the significance of National AccessAbility Week and provided an overview of the Committee's past years events. C. Dillon advised that 2021 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and in recognition of this significant milestone she has been working with staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department to try to include past members of the Committee as part of a related event. The Committee discussed potential ideas related to the 2021 National AccessAbility Week.

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

CHAIRMAN